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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 7; TRANSPORT QUESTIONS -
CONTAINERIZATION

REF: A) USUN 1163; B) STATE 89217; C) UN DOCUMENT TD/B/AC.2016

1. ON APRIL 21 THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION
AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 81 OF REF C, TRANSMITTING THE REPORT
OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS
FOR INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT TO THE TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION SO THAT THE
BOARD CAN CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER
ACTION. US DEL MADE EXPLANATION OF VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

"IN VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, FURTHER WORK ON
CONTAINER STANDARDS SHOULD BE IN THE DIRECTION OF A NON-
BINDING INSTRUMENT, SOLELY ON TECHNICAL MATTERS, WHICH
WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
AND STANDARD-SETTING BODIES. FURTHER UNCTAD WORK ON CONTAINER
STANDARDS SHOULD ACTIVELY INVOLVE INTERESTED UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE
ORGANIZATION (IMCO), THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS,
AND PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS ISO." FEG DELEGATION
ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH US REMARKS "WITH PARTICULAR
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EMPHASIS ON THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

2. SINCE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH G-77 (PAKISTAN,
YUGOSLAVIA) INDICATED THAT ANY AMENDMENTS US DEL PROPOSED
WOULD PROVOKE UNSATISFACTORY ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE, WE DID
NOT FORMALLY PROPOSE ADDITIONS TO RESOLUTION.

3. DURING COURSE OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, NETHERLANDS,
FRG, JAPAN AND CANADA INDICATED VARIOUS DEGREES OF SKEPTICISM
ABOUT THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, AND UK
EXPRESSLY ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH (NEGATIVE) GROUP B
OPINION ON CONVENTION AS NOTED IN ANNEX IV OF REF C.
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